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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM: TODOR POPOV

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1. IVP GRANTEE TODOR POPOV DEPARTED NYC MARCH 8 TO ATTEND MEETINGS FOR 3-4 DAYS IN VIENNA PRIOR TO RETURN TO SOFIA (DATE UNCERTAIN).

2. WITH VERY BUSY SCHEDULE, POPOV HAD EXCELLENT ROUND OF MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, VISITED NUMEROUS AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT U.S., AND ACCOMPLISHED MUCH DURING HIS GRANT.

3. BESIDES ATTENDING UN CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK, HE ALSO HAD MEETINGS AT IREX, CHILEWICH CORPORATION, CONTINENTAL GRAIN CO., AND CHASE WORLD INFORMATION CORPORATION.

4. IN WASHINGTON, HE HAD FULL DAY AT USDA WHICH INCLUDED DISCUSSIONS WITH DALE SHERWIN, DEP ASST SECY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND COMMODITY PROGRAMS (IN LIEU OF ASST SECY YEUTTER WHO NO LONGER WITH USDA), AND PLEASANT CHAT
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WITH SECRETARY BUTZ AT IMPROMPTU MEETING IN USDA DINING ROOM.

5. OUTSIDE WASHINGTON, POPOV SPENT WEEK IN CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS, BERKELEY, AND STANFORD INCLUDING MEETING WITH DR. LEON GAROYAN, FUTURE VOLSPEAKER FOR BULGARIA. POPOV EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH EXCHANGES WITH THESE UNIVERSITIES. AFTER QUICK STOP IN LOS ANGELES FOR SIGHT-SEEING, POPOV VISITED COLORADO FOR SIDE TRIP TO STERLING, AND TOUR OF CERES, INC. LIVESTOCK FEEDING OPERATION.

6. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY 3-DAY PROGRAM AT IOWA STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, AND ONE-DAY VISIT TO BOARD OF TRADE IN CHICAGO WHERE HE OBSERVED TRADING ACTIVITIES. PROGRAM CONCLUDED WITH ATTENDANCE AT TRADE SHOW ON PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTS AT NEW ORLEANS WHICH WAS SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTING SINCE LITTLE FOOD-PROCESSING EQUIPMENT WAS ON DISPLAY.

7. POPOV WAS EXCELLENT GRANTEE--HARD-WORKING, INFORMED, AND OUTGOING IN PERSONALITY. DEPT AND PROGRAM AGENCY GREATLY APPRECIATED POST'S MANY HELPFUL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS. KISSINGER

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